

shown in FIG. 18, system 10 may include multi-layer holographic combiner 40 in housing portion 8A (e.g., a first portion of housing 8 of FIG. 1) whereas display module 20A is located in a separate housing portion 8B (e.g., a second portion of housing 8 of FIG. 1). In practice, the position of housing portion 8A may change relative to the position of housing portion 8B over time. For example, housing portion 8B may bend (e.g., around an axis parallel to the Y-axis of FIG. 18) relative to housing portion 8A (e.g., in scenarios where housing 8 of FIG. 1 is formed from a flexible material). In another example, housing portion 8A may be coupled to housing portion 8B by a hinge and housing portions 8A and 8B may rotate about the hinge such that the relative angle between housing portion 8A and housing portion 8B may be non-uniform over time. In scenarios where system 10 is implemented as a head mounted device (e.g., a pair of glasses or goggles), housing portion 8B may form a temple of a frame for the head mounted device whereas housing portion 8A forms a bridge or other portion of the frame for the head mounted device. In this example, the arrangement of FIG. 18 illustrates only one side of the head mounted device (e.g., housing portion 8B may form a left or right temple of the head mounted device). Similar structures may be used to project light to the user's other eye.

[0089] When the position of housing portion 8B changes relative to the position of housing portion 8A, display module 20A moves relative to multi-layer holographic combiner 40. If care is not taken, this may serve to distort the user's perspective when viewing images displayed by display module (projector) 20A at eye box 24. In order to mitigate these issues, multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may redirect a portion of the input light 56 from display module 20A towards image sensor 228, as shown by beam 224. For example, transmission hologram structures 44 and/or reflection hologram structures 42 in multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may each include at least one hologram that diffracts input light 56 towards image sensor 228. Image sensor 228 may include a camera or other image sensor components that gather image data in response to beam 224. When the position of housing portion 8A and multi-layer holographic combiner 40 change relative to the position of housing portion 8B and display module 20A, distortions in the beam 55 redirected towards eye box 24 by combiner 40 will also be present in beam 224 provided towards image sensor 228. The image data gathered by image sensor 228 may serve to identify these perspective distortions.

[0090] Control circuitry 16 may be mounted in housing portion 8B or elsewhere in system 10. Control circuitry 16 may be coupled to image sensor 228 over control path 232 and may be coupled to display module 20A over control path 234. Image sensor 228 may provide the captured image data to control circuitry 16 over control path 232. Control circuitry 16 may identify distortions in beam 55 (as exhibited by beam 224) and thus any relative motion between housing portion 8A and housing portion 8B using the image data. Control circuitry 16 may provide control signals to display module 20A over control path 234 to control display module 20A to compensate for these distortions. For example, control circuitry 16 may adjust the position and/or geometry of optical components within display module 20A, may adjust the brightness/intensity of input light 56, may adjust the color of input light 56, and/or may perform any other

desired adjustments to display module 20A that compensate for distortions in beam 55 on account of the change in relative position between combiner 40 and display module 20A.

[0091] In one suitable arrangement, a portion of the same input light 56 that is redirected towards eye box 24 is provided to image sensor 228 over beam 224. In another suitable arrangement, display module 20A may emit light at a dedicated wavelength such as infrared light as a part of input light 56. One or more holograms in combiner 40 may redirect light at the dedicated wavelength towards image sensor 228 (e.g., without light at that wavelength being redirected towards eye box 24). Image sensor 228 may be an infrared image sensor in this scenario.

[0092] If desired, an infrared projector 226 may be provided in system 10 (e.g., within housing portion 8A, housing portion 8B, or elsewhere). Infrared projector 226 may be coupled to control circuitry 16 over control path 230. Control circuitry 16 may control infrared projector 226 to project infrared light 236 for directing towards eye box 24. Infrared light 236 may be provided directly to eye box 24, may be redirected towards eye box 24 by other optical components (not shown), and/or may be directed towards eye box 24 by one or more holograms in combiner 40 (e.g., reflection holograms in reflection hologram structures 42 and/or transmission holograms in transmission hologram structures 44). Infrared light 236 may reflect off of the user's eye within eye box 24 (e.g., off of the user's retina or other physiological features). The reflected infrared light may be directed towards an infrared image sensor (e.g., image sensor 228 or a separate image sensor located within housing portion 8A, housing portion 8B, or elsewhere). The reflected infrared light may be provided to the infrared image sensor directly, by dedicated optical components (not shown), and/or by one or more holograms in combiner 40 (e.g., reflection holograms in reflection hologram structures 42 and/or transmission holograms in transmission hologram structures 44).

[0093] The infrared image sensor may generate gaze (eye) tracking data in response to the reflected infrared light that is indicative of the direction in which the user is gazing into eye box 24. Control circuitry 16 may process the gaze tracking data to track the direction of the user's gaze over time. Control circuitry 16 may adjust the image data projected by display module 20A, adjust the physical properties of input light 56, and/or may perform any other desired operations based on how the user's gaze changes over time. In another suitable arrangement, infrared light emitted by display module 20A may be used to perform gaze tracking operations. This example is merely illustrative and, if desired, infrared projector 226 and gaze tracking functionality may be omitted.

[0094] FIG. 19 is a flow chart of illustrative steps that may be processed by system 10 in performing feedback operations on display module 20A to compensate for changes in the position of display module 20A relative to multi-layer holographic combiner 40 over time (e.g., to minimize distortions in light 55 provided to eye box 24).

[0095] At step 250, display module 20A may project light 56 onto multi-layer holographic combiner 40.

[0096] At step 252, multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may replicate light 56 and focus the replicated light onto eye box 24. At the same time, multi-layer holographic combiner